



STATE OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURE

House of Delegates: Environment & Transportation Committee



Secretary Joe Bartenfelder
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Our Vision is:

. . .to achieve excellence in programs and in services that preserve and protect agricultural resources and the environment, promote profitable agriculture and consumer confidence, and enhance the quality of life for all Marylanders.

Our Mission is:

. . .to provide leadership and support to agriculture and the citizens of Maryland by conducting regulatory, service, and educational activities that assure consumer confidence, protect the environment, and promote agriculture.

AGRICULTURE IN MARYLAND



- 12,300 farms
- 2 million acres
- Average farm size = 165 acres
- \$8.25 Billion Industry
 - \$3 Billion Value Added





HB 252 - Agritourism

- Defining in State law the term "agritourism" as an activity conducted on a farm that is offered to a member of the general public or to invited guests for the purpose of education, recreation, or active involvement in the farm operation; providing a certain list of activities to be included in the definition; and authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt the definition of agritourism by local ordinance, resolution, law, or rule.



I. Marketing, Animal Industries & Consumer Services

- Agricultural Marketing
- Animal Health
- Food Quality Assurance
- Maryland Horse Industry Board
- Maryland Agricultural Fair Board
- State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
- Weights & Measures

II. Plant Industries & Pest Management

- Plant Protection & Weed Management
- Turf & Seed
- Pesticide Regulation
- State Chemist
- Mosquito Control
- Forest Pest Management

III. Resource Conservation

- Nutrient Management Program
- Resource Conservation Operations
- Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share Program (MACS)



OFFICE OF MARKETING, ANIMAL HEALTH & CONSUMER SERVICES



MARYLAND'S BEST



- Agriculture and Seafood Marketing Program
- Maryland's Best Expo, Jan. 24
- Homegrown By Heroes
- Farmers Market Program
- MPT's 'Maryland Farm & Harvest'

OFFICE OF PLANT INDUSTRIES AND PEST MANAGEMENT



BLACK FLY PROGRAM



- Partnership with DNR and Univ. of Maryland
- Treatment Area:
 - Potomac River
 - Near Williamsport, from Harpers Ferry to Brunswick
- Apply *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (*Bti*) via helicopter
- Five monthly applications
 - Completed one in September
 - Will continue in Spring 2018
- Public outreach/notification



OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION



RESOURCE CONSERVATION



- PMT Update
- Maryland Agricultural Cost-Share Program (MACS)
- Healthy Soils Initiative
- WIP Strategy

WORKING WITH LEGISLATORS





THANK YOU

